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HEADQUARTERS.



REF: ACTION CHECKLIST MEMO DATED 4 NOVEMBER

1. WITHOUT BENEFIT OF KNOWING WHITE HOUSE REACTION TO CHECKLIST SUGGESTIONS, IT APPEARS THAT SEVERAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY GVN WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE EFFORT AND WOULD BE DESIREABLE EVEN IF THERE SHOULD BE NO CEASE FIRE ALONG LINES FORESEEN IN LATE OCTOBER.

2. IF YOU CONCUR, WE COULD DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY THOSE MEASURES WHICH GVN SHOULD UNDERTAKE BASED ON YOUR CHECKLIST. WHILE SOME UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE ELIMINATED AS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS OR TOO SENSITIVE FOR EMBASSY (FOR EXAMPLE WITH RESPECT TO DEMOCRACY PARTY WHICH VERY UNPOPULAR WITH POLITICAL SECTION) BULK OF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD STAND. WE COULD THEN TRANSMIT THESE TO PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL QUANG AND HOANG DUC NHA AS SUGGESTIONS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND HOPE THAT AT LEAST SOME WILL EVENTUALLY BE TRANSLATED INTO GVN

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POLICIES AND ACTIONS.

3. ALTERNATIVELY WE COULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE  
AMBASSADOR BUNKER PASS TO THIEU. BUT SINCE LATTER CHANNEL  
CARRIES QUITE A LOAD THESE DAYS AND IN VIEW BUNKER'S ANTICIPATED  
LEAVE, WE FAVOR PARA TWO COURSE.

4. YET ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO PROCEED PER  
PARA TWO BUT WITHOUT ANY COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY.

5. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT YOUR SPECIFIC  
APPROVAL. E2 IMPDET.

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